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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1235

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 25, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 25, 2003

SUBJECT: Post-mastectomy Care.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Duncan

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires health insurers and HMOs to offer to provide coverage for post-mastectomy care in health insurance policies and HMO contracts.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Federal law requires that insurers and HMOs provide coverage for post-mastectomy services already. This bill provides clarification regarding the length of time a woman is entitled to stay in a hospital following a medically necessary mastectomy. Health benefit coverage varies among local units that purchase health benefit coverage for their employees.

Under some plans the length of stay is preapproved prior to a surgical procedure. If the physician determines a longer stay is medically necessary, the insurers extend the approved length of stay accordingly. No additional cost is anticipated.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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